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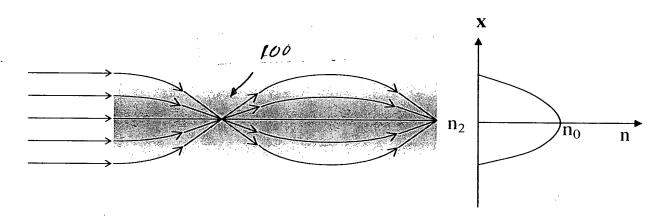


Fig. 1

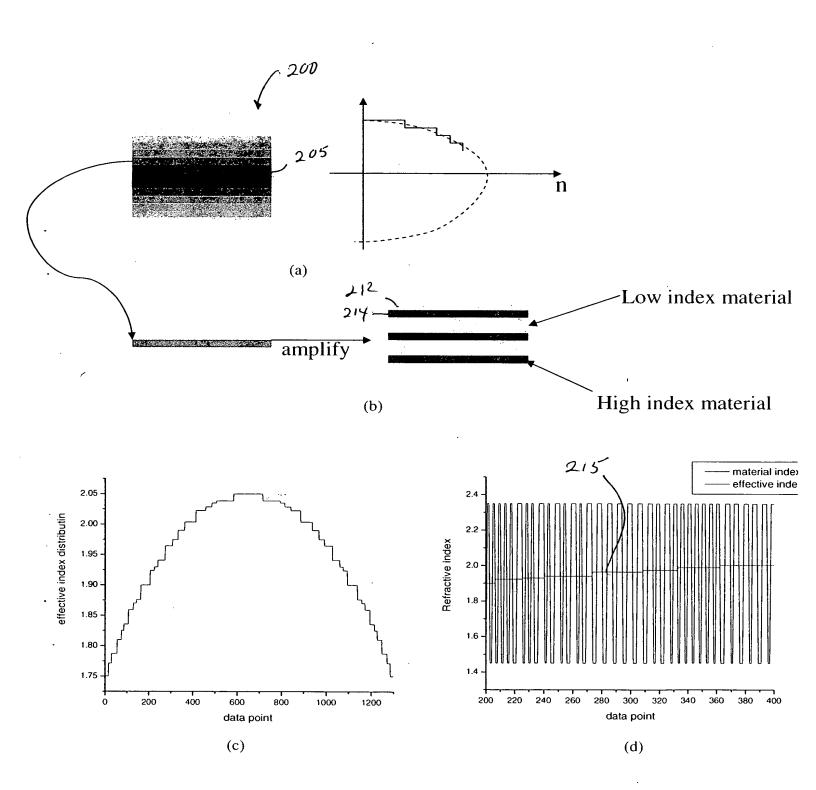
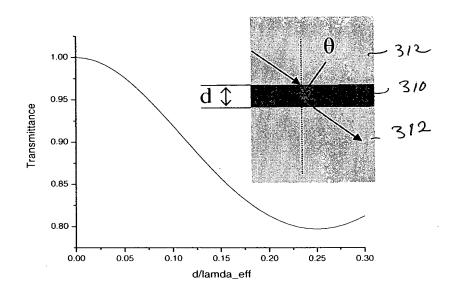


FIG. 2

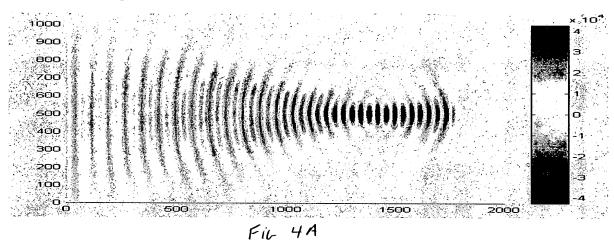
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Relationship of transmittance vs d/λ_{eff}

FIG. 3

Multiple-step-index case



Two-material case

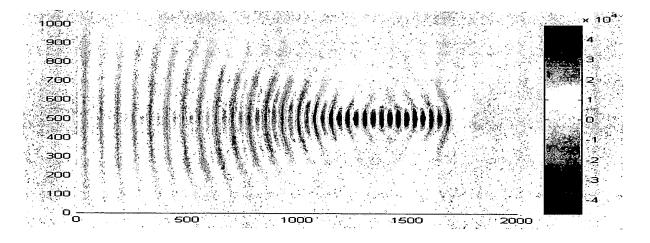
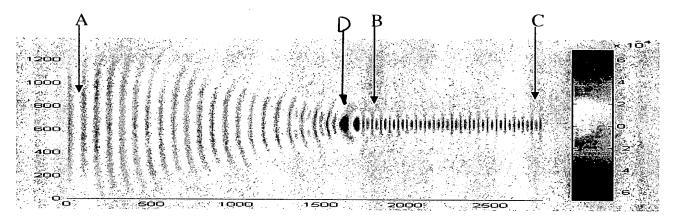


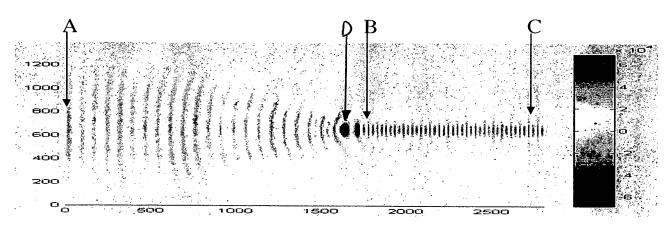
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Table 1 Comparison of loss of light energy between two-material case and multiple-step-index case

	Two material case	Multiple step index case
Amount of light energy passed through the GRIN lens from A to B	99.9 %	99.8 %
Amount of light energy passed from B to C (including mode matching)	99.7 %	99.5 %
Amount of light energy within the actually InP waveguide at C over the total energy at C	95.6 %	98.2 %
Overall theoretical coupling efficiency	95.3 %	97.7 %



(a) Two Material Case, with AR coatings, 1 µm air gap, focusing in air



(b) Multiple step index case, 1 µm air gap, AR coatings, focusing in air

FIG. 5

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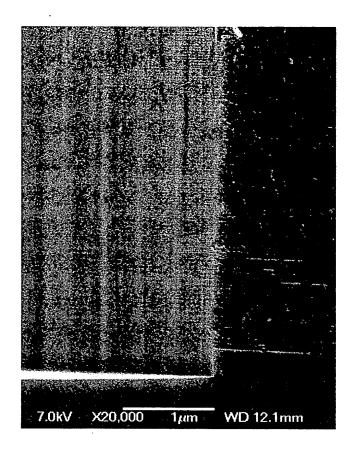
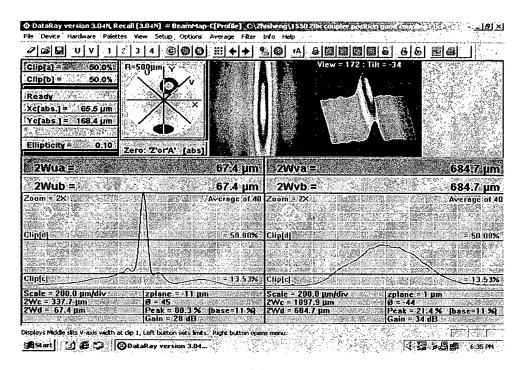
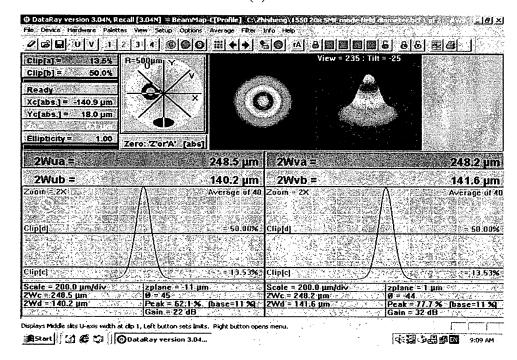


FIG. 6



(a)



(b)

FIG. 7

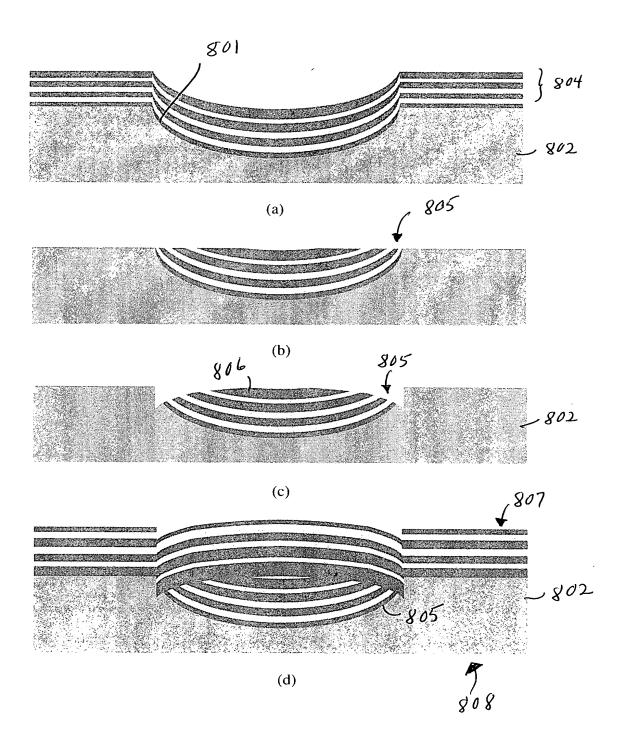


FIG. 8

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